GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:130
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SELECTION OF SPORTS PERSONS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sports authorities exercise autonomy in the selection of sports persons for various games/events;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any special provision to encourage the talented sports persons belonging to weaker sections for various international sports meets;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the efforts made by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to encourage the sports persons and upgrade their standards for such competitions?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 130 FOR REPLY ON 25-2-2009 BY DR. K. DHANARAJU REGARDING SELECTION OF SPORTS PERSONS

(a) to (d):National Sports Federations (NSFs) are primarily responsible for judicious selection of sportspersons/teams for participation in various international events with the objective of enhancing national prestige. However, with a view to ensuring transparency in the selection procedure, it has been decided by the Government that the Selection Committee will be constituted by the Federation, comprising of the President, the National Coach, and eminent sportspersons. The Government also appoints its observers for each sport discipline, who are associated with all the activities of the NSFs, including selection of sportspersons/ teams, and submit their report directly to the Ministry. An attempt is made to select the best possible sportspersons and encourage sportspersons from all sections.

(e) To upgrade the standard of Indian sportspersons, the Government through the Sports Authority of India provides for training of national athletes by making available state-of- the- art infrastructure support, best coaching facilities, scientific, technical and equipment support, and competition exposure. The Government also provides financial assistance to elite sportspersons, for specialized training under Indian and foreign coaches, participation in international events in India and abroad and purchase of equipment, under National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) and Scheme relating to Talent Search & Training.